Our Military Kids

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Our Military Kids

Our Military Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dedicated to funding essential extracurricular activities for school-aged (K-12) children of deployed and severely injured Reserve and National Guard military personnel.

It's easy to reach us

Our Military Kids, Inc. wishes to provide you with the information you need quickly and efficiently. You may contact us by email at OMKInquiry@ourmilitarykids.org.

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McLean, VA 22101

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Telephone: (703) 734-6654

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Fax: (703) 734-6503

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Important Facts

- Program started in VA in 2005
- Program went National in April 2006
- ONE PAGE APPLICATION!
- So far they have not rejected one eligible applicant!
- Each eligible child could receive up to a $500 (one time grant)
- 10 day turn around for decision on application
- Money is mailed directly to the organization

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Eligible Program Activities
Our Military Kids is currently awarding grants to applicants indicating participation in the following:

Youth Sports Programs

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cycling
- Dancing
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Floor Hockey
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Horseback Riding
- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- In-Line Hockey
- Judo
- Lacrosse
- Martial Arts
- Racquetball/Handball/Squash
- Soccer
- Softball
- Street Hockey
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Fine Arts Programs

- Ballet
- Music
- Painting
- Sculpture

Tutor Programs

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Study Skills

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Frequently Asked Questions?

Who can receive a grant?

Children of deployed Reserve and National Guard military personnel who are enrolled in grades kindergarten through high school may apply. If the child's last name differs from that of the deployed, please provide a copy of the applicant's military dependent ID card or a copy of Form 1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification. Children of a severely injured military must be referred by a caseworker at the Joint Center for the Severely Injured.

What documentation is required as proof that a parent is deployed?

A copy of the military parent’s deployment orders will provide the necessary verification that a child is eligible for the grant program. **Does the family have to meet income qualifications before a child can receive a grant?**

No. Family income is not a consideration in determining whether a child is eligible to receive a grant.

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Are there any restrictions on the types of activities for which grants are awarded?

Only those activities outlined in the "Activities Covered" section of this website will be eligible for grants from Our Military Kids. If there other activities you wish to be considered for inclusion as the program grows, please send us your suggestions to OMKInquiry@ourmilitarykids.org.

What tutoring services qualify under this program and what documentation is required?

Grants will be considered for services provided by companies or organizations tutoring reading, writing, math, English and study skills to assist children in maintaining academic performance at grade level. We will only provide grants for tutoring services provided by an individual if s/he is a certified teacher and can show documentation. In addition to documentation supporting the amount of the grant request, a letter from the child's teacher indicating the child could benefit from additional assistance to maintain performance at grade level is required.

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What documentation is needed to support the amount of grant requested by the child?

The application must be accompanied by a copy of a brochure, flyer, website page, or letter from the organization providing the activity or service. Please circle or highlight the registration fee, rental fee, or instruction fee that applies to the program the child is enrolling in.

Will I receive a check in the mail?

No. If your request for a grant is approved, a check will be sent and made payable to the organization indicated on the grant application form. The applicant will receive formal written notification of acceptance or rejection by mail within 2 weeks of receipt of the application by Our Military Kids, Inc.

Does the family have to repay the grant?

No. The grant does not have to be paid back unless the child does not participate in the activity indicated on the application.

May the same child apply for more than one grant?

No. A child may apply for only one grant during a parent's deployment.

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May more than one child from a family apply for a grant?

Yes. All children in a family may apply for a grant as long as the child meets all the criteria for eligibility. The $500 limit applies to each child not to a family.

How does Our Military Kids, Inc. determine which children receive grants?

The mission of our organization is to provide a grant to each child submitting an application that meets all established guidelines. We will review each request and consider the applications in the order in which they are received at our office. We will award grants to all qualified applicants as long as funds are available.

What are the sources of funding?

Grants from Our Military Kids, Inc. are made possible by the generous contributions from corporations and charitable foundations listed under “Corporate Sponsors” on this website and from individual donors. Our Military Kids, Inc. does not solicit contributions over the phone or door-to-door.

Our MILITARY Kids, Inc.
Grant Application
Army National Guard and Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard Reserve
Our Military Kids promises a quick turnaround, but can only do this if the following steps are followed:

***1.* Complete and sign this application** – *Child must be school-age (**Kindergarten – 12th grade**). Child is eligible for one grant for one activity. Grant will cover up to six months of instructions, lessons or tutoring with maximum grant award of $500.00 per child.*

2. **Send a copy of deployment orders --** *The deployment must be for at least 6 months away from home and there must be at least 60 days remaining on the deployment, to be considered for a grant award. The child must start the activity prior to the parent's return.*

3. **Send a brochure or letter from the organization that is providing the activity --** *This information **must** include the cost of the program since we send the check directly to the organization.*

4. If the child's last name is different from the deployed service member, please send documentation that the child is a dependent.

PLEASE REMEMBER: THE INTENT AND THE SPIRIT OF THE OUR MILITARY KIDS PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT AND RECOGNIZE CHILDREN WHO ARE COPING WITH A LENGTHY, GEOGRAPHICAL SEPARATION RESULTING FROM MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

Child's Name:_____Age: _____ Male__Female__ Birthdate:_____
Parent/Guardian:_____ 1st phone number:_____
Cell/Work phone:_____ Email Address:_____
Family's Address:_____
Street City State Zip
School Child Attends:_____ Grade:_____
Sports, fine arts, tutor program (Specify e.g. dance, baseball, violin)_____
Grant Request Amount: _____ (Not to exceed $500; Attach documentation to validate amount)
Check to be sent to: Organization Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip
Organization Contact Information: _____
Name Telephone Number

CONSENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION

I understand that additional information may be required to adequately verify eligibility for a grant. By signing this form, I am allowing a representative of **Our Military Kids, Inc.** to communicate with the contact of the organization and/or the contact provided on the military orders. I certify all the information I have supplied is true and correct. I permit **Our Military Kids, Inc.** staff to verify the information on this application. I declare that receipt of a grant will aid in easing a financial burden which would otherwise exist if expenses related to my child's activity were paid out of family funds.

_____, am signing this form for _____
full printed name of requesting person printed name of child requesting grant

_____
Signature

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Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard

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2. **Send a copy of deployment orders --** *The deployment must be for a minimum of 120 days **OR** two or more missions totaling 180 days in a one year period. The mission(s) must be away from home and there must be at least 30 days remaining on the mission orders for the grant request to be considered. The child must start the activity prior to the parent's return.*

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Parent/Guardian:_____ 1st phone number:_____
Cell/Work phone:_____ Email Address:_____
Family's Address:_____
Street City State Zip
School Child Attends:_____ Grade:_____
Sports, fine arts, tutor program (Specify e.g. dance, baseball, violin)_____
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How do we Market this Program?

- **Family Assistance Centers (FAC's)**
- **Morale/Staff Calls (using this slide presentation to answer field questions)**
- **Email campaigns to currently deployed or about to deploy units**
- **Family Program News Letters**
- **Dissemination through command**

channels